

END OF R.J. REYNOLDS' SPONSORSHIP OF THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

HON. RICHARD BURR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

Mr. BURR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the end of an era in motorsports. Sunday's race at Homestead, Miami marked the last NASCAR race that will be run under R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company's sponsorship and the Winston banner.

Winston Cup and NASCAR have been synonymous for 33 years. Under R.J. Reynolds sponsorship, stock car racing has grown from a regional sport with little national exposure to one with a loyal and global following of millions of fans. More than six million fans attended 39 Winston Cup events this year in 19 states; millions more followed the races, practices, and qualifying sessions on television, radio, and the Internet.

One of the best places to look for examples of the astronomical growth in the sport over the years is in driving winnings: in 1971, Richard Petty won 21 races and took home roughly \$300,000. The last Winston Cup Champion, Matt Kenseth, won one race this year—and will take home more than \$8 million. Those numbers tell only part of the tale, however. Since its initial involvement with NASCAR, Winston has contributed more than \$100 million in point fund money, with \$32 million earmarked for the Cup Champions. And perhaps no one can measure the contribution the company's sponsorship has made to the families and communities associated with the sport and its tremendous growth.

Names like Petty, Jarrett, Waltrip, Yarborough, Allison, and Earnhardt. Towns like Bristol, Darlington, Rockingham, and Talladega. Some carried the sport until Winston came along; others owned it while Winston was there; and still others will carry the Winston tradition into the future. The sport under the Winston banner had its heroes, and its heartaches. Some occupy both categories. Fans everywhere will carry their memories of the Winston Cup with them for years to come.

On behalf of NASCAR fans everywhere, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my thanks to the men and women of R.J. Reynolds for everything they have done for the sport over the last three decades. It truly was a family affair, and the drivers, the teams, and the fans will miss their love for and commitment to the sport.

Time, however, marches on. NASCAR existed before Winston's sponsorship, and it will continue next year with a new Cup Series sponsor. In the eyes of this Member, though, and countless fans across the country, it will always be the Winston Cup.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES DORR

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life of James Dorr who passed

away recently at the age of 64. Jim was a pillar of the Steamboat Springs, Colorado community. As his family mourns their loss, I think it is appropriate that we remember Jim's life and celebrate his contributions to our nation today.

Jim's childhood was spent on his family's ranch in the Middle Elk River Valley. After graduating from Steamboat Springs High School, Jim attended Colorado State University where he joined the ROTC program. Upon graduation from college, Jim was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force and entered pilot training in 1962. He was stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas, where he trained to be an expert pilot of the B-52 bomber.

In 1964, Jim married Margaret Eskeldson, who would be his wife of forty years. He answered his country's call to duty and went on to serve during the Vietnam conflict as the pilot of a bomber crew that logged 120 combat missions. In a time of war, Jim's courage, conviction and patriotism shone through, proving him to be a true hero. By war's end, Jim's service had earned him the rank of Major, as well as numerous decorations.

Upon returning to Steamboat Springs, Jim continued his service to our nation through volunteer work. He was an active member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. With the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jim served as a Commandant for two terms and was instrumental in spearheading a program to create a scholarship for veterans' dependents.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Dorr's dedication and selflessness certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress and this nation. It is my privilege to pay tribute to him for his many contributions to the community of Steamboat Springs and our nation. I would like to extend my thoughts and deepest sympathies to Jim's family and friends during this difficult time of bereavement.

ACKNOWLEDGING AN INNOVATIVE BOULDER COUNTY COOPERATIVE PLANNING AGREEMENT

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge an innovative and significant agreement between the various communities in Boulder County, Colorado. Working together in a spirit of cooperation, the nine municipal communities in the county came together with Boulder County to produce this agreement which will help promote wise planning and smart growth management and thereby preserve the quality of life in the county and these communities.

Called the Boulder County Countywide Coordinated Comprehensive Development Plan Intergovernmental Agreement (or the Super IGA), this plan was signed on October 16, 2003 by Boulder County and the communities of Boulder, Erie, Jamestown, Lafayette, Longmont, Louisville, Lyons, Nederland and Superior.

In Colorado, as in many States, intergovernmental agreements are typically created to address common management issues between

neighboring communities. With this Super IGA, communities within the entire county have come together to address common concerns and issues and have established a roadmap for the benefit of all residents of the county.

Over the past few years, county and city officials labored to come to terms on an accord that outlines growth boundaries for development, provides land use regulations that prevent growth into hazardous areas like flood plains, and designates buffer zones between communities. An IGA of this magnitude, across nearly 800 square miles, consisting of a dozen different municipalities, and encompassing over 300,000 people, is a remarkable achievement.

This Super IGA is based on more than 10 underlying plans that inherently permit flexibility through an open amendment process. It is that basic flexibility that will likely drive this 20 year agreement, allowing the various governing bodies to strive for their individual success, yet within the framework of a larger consensual accord.

This innovative and forward-looking approach to planning and growth management is indeed exciting. Clearly, as this is a new approach, we all are watching this carefully and hope that it is successful. But its very creation shows that communities can come together and work toward common goals. Boulder County and these communities have embarked on an approach which I hope will continue to foster positive intergovernmental relationships, and strengthen the sense of our collective community. It's an example of the things that local communities can do to make sure that growth and development complement the needs and desires of citizens and local communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the creators of this Boulder County Super IGA, and in wishing them continued success. For our colleagues' information, I am attaching an article from the Colorado Daily newspaper.

[From the Colorado Daily, Oct. 16, 2003]

"SUPER IGA NOW RULES LOCAL LAND USE IN BOULDER

(By Richard Valenty)

Mayors from Boulder County municipalities joined Boulder County Commissioners in signing the Boulder County Countywide Coordinated Comprehensive Development Plan Intergovernmental Agreement Thursday at A Spice of Life Event Center in Boulder.

Fortunately, the document has a short name, the "Super IGA." The Super IGA partially coordinates at least ten smaller Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA), called Underlying Plans.

IGA's, in general, often involve land use regulations to prevent situations like development in naturally hazardous areas like flood plains, or to manage growth by creating buffers of open space between communities. For example, the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan is a joint land use plan between the city and county of Boulder, thus is an IGA between the two entities.

"These IGA's are sort of a shared vision by the county and by various cities and towns about where growth will happen, and what parts of the county we want to see remain rural in the future," said Ron Stewart, Boulder County Commissioner.

Representatives of the city of Boulder, Boulder County, Lafayette, Longmont, Louisville, Erie, Jamestown, Lyons, Nederland and Superior signed the Super IGA. The town of Ward is not participating, since federal